

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 USUN N 02644 01 OF 02 190024Z
ACTION ARA-14

INFO OCT-01 IO-13 ISO-00 DHA-02 AID-05 IGA-02 EB-08
TRSE-00 OMB-01 ACDA-07 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-05 H-01
INR-07 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 PRS-01 SP-02
SS-15 USIA-06 /099 W
-----091434 190109Z /73

R 182140Z AUG 77
FM USMISSION USUN NEW YORK
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4936
INFO AMEMBASSY PORT AU PRINCE

C O N F I D E N T I A L SECTION 1 OF 2 USUN 2644

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP (ANDREW YOUNG), PFOR, UN, SHUM, EAID, HA
SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S MEETING WITH HAITIAN MINISTER OF
FOREIGN AFFAIRS, JUSTICE AND INTERIOR

1. SUMMARY: DISCUSSIONS AUG 5 WITH HAITIAN MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, JUSTICE AND INTERIOR CONCENTRATED EXCLUSIVELY ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND OBSTACLES TO INCREASED ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE. HAITIAN OFFICIALS EXPRESSED PLEASURE THAT THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION IS TREATING EACH LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN NATION AS AN INDIVIDUAL CASE AND IS NOT TREATING THE CARIBBEAN AS A SINGLE ENTITY AS PREVIOUSLY. HAITIAN OFFICIALS STATED THEY HAVE THE IMPRESSION OF BEING NEGLECTED FRIENDS ALTHOUGH HAITI HAS ALWAYS SUPPORTED THE US IN INTERNATIONAL FORA. FOR THIS REASON THEY HOPE THAT IN THE FUTURE THE US WILL TRY TO DEAL SERIOUSLY AND SINCERELY WITH THE HAITIANS AND NOT JUST COUNT ON THEIR AUTOMATIC SUPPORT. HAITIAN OFFICIALS ALL ECHOED THE THEME THAT HAITI IS NOW IN A SECOND PHASE OF ITS REVOLUTION, THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PHASE, WHICH COMMENCED WITH THE INAUGURATION OF JEAN CLAUDE DUVALIER. FOREIGN MINISTER BRUTUS ANNOUNCED HAITI WOULD BE AGREEABLE TO ACCEPT A VISIT BY THE INTER-AMERICAN COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS. SO THAT THEY CAN EVALUATE THE HAITIAN SITUATION FOR THEMSELVES.
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 USUN N 02644 01 OF 02 190024Z

MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR JEANTY STATED HE WAS SURE PRESIDENT DUVALIER WOULD GIVE ATTENTION TO THE INDIVIDUAL CASES LISTED IN THE LETTER PRESENTED BY AMB YOUNG CONTAINING NAMES OF PERSONS BELIEVED TO BE DETAINED AS POLITICAL PRISONERS. END SUMMARY.

2. AMB YOUNG AND MEMBERS OF THE PARTY MET AUG 5 WITH HAITIAN MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS BRUTUS AND SUBSEQUENTLY WITH MINISTERS OF INTERIOR

JEANTY AND MINISTER OF JUSTICE FIEVRE. HAITIAN UN AMBASSADOR SERGE CHARLES ATTENDED BOTH MEETINGS. DETAILS OF DISCUSSION ARE SUMMARIZED BELOW.

(1) HAITIAN POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. FM BRUTUS STATED HAITI IS NOW IN A SECOND STAGE OF ITS REVOLUTION. HE CLAIMED THAT THE PERIOD OF THE PRESIDENCY OF FRANCOIS DUVALIER WAS A PERIOD OF CONFRONTATION AND REPRESENTED THE POLITICAL PHASE OF THE RESOLUTION. HE SAID IN EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES, A STATE SOMETIME HAS TO TAKE EXTRA MEASURE TO PROTECT ITSELF. BRUTUS CLAIMED THIS PERIOD WAS NOW PASSED AND THAT A SECOND PHASE OF THE REVOLUTION BEGAN WITH THE PRESIDENCY OF JEAN CLAUDE DUVALIER AND THE HAITI IS NOW MAINLY CONCERNED WITH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. THIS SAME THEME WAS ECHOED LATER BY THE MINISTER OF INTERIOR. NEITHER BRUTUS NOR JEANTY OFFERED ANY EXCUSES OR APOLOGY FOR PREVIOUS HAITIAN EXCESSES. BRUTUS CALIMED THAT HAITI IS WORKING CONSECIOUSLY TO IMPROVE THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION AND THAT HAITI IS NOW IN A PERIOD OF TRANSITION AND THUS IS ASKING FOR UNDERSTANDING.

(2) US/HAITIAN RELATIONS. BRUTUS SAID HAITI HAS ALWAYS HAD THE IMPRESSION THAT AMERICANS THOUGHT THERE WAS ONE SINGLE COUNTRY DOWN SOUTH SOMEWHERE CALLED LATIN AMERICA. HE EXPRESSED PLEASURE THAT THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION HAD DECIDED TO TREAT EACH COUNTRY INDIVIDUALLY. BRUTUS STAED HAITI WAS AMONG THE OLDEST ALLIES OF
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 USUN N 02644 01 OF 02 190024Z

THE US AND NEARLY ALWAYS SUPPORTS US POSITIONS IN INTERNATIONAL FORA. HOWEVER, THEY OFTEN HAVE THE IMPRESSION OF BEING NEGLECTED FRIENDS. THEY FEEL THE US MAKES NO EFFORT TO DEAL WITH HAITI INDIVIDUALLY AND TAKE HAITI FOR GRANTED. BRUTUS SAID THEY WOULD LIKE THE US TO DEAL SERIOUSLY WITH AND NOT JUST AUTOMATICALLY COUNT ON HAITI. HE SAID HE HOPED THAT AMB YOUNG'S VISITS MEANS THINGS WILL CHANGE.

(3) HUMAN RIGHTS AND ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE. IN HIS OPENING REMARKS, AMB YOUNG POINTED OUT THAT CONCERN FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF US FOREIGN POLICY, BUT IT IS NOT DESIGNED AS A FORM OF KINTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS. MR. VALDEZ INDICATED THE US IS COMMITTED TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF HAITI, BUT THAT CONGRESS AND THE US PUBLIC ARE CONCERNED THAT US AID BE CHANNELLED TO COUNTRIES

WHICH DEMONSTRATE CONSISTENT RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND REAL COMMITMENT TO HELP THEIR POOR. VALDEZ EXPLAINED THAT AID RECENTLY DELAYED LOANS TO CHILE BECAUSE OF THAT COUNTRY'S NEGATIVE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION, AND THAT AUD MAY HAVE TO TAKE SIMILAR ACTION AGAINST COUNTRIES WHICH VIOLATE HUMAN RIGHTS. BRUTUS CLAIMED THERE WAS NOT CONFLICT IN HAITIAN MINDS ABOUT THIS APPROACH AND AID'S MANDATE TO SEE THAT ASSISTANCE GOES TO THE POOREST SECTORS OF SOCIETY. HE STATED

THAT THE US HAS A CERTAIN IMAGE OF HAITI FORMED DURING THE
DUVALIER PERIOD AND THE US SHOULD UNDERSTAND THAT HAITI HAS ENTERED
INTO A NEW PERIOD. MR. SCHNEIDER POINTED OUT THAT THE US APPRECIATED
HAITIAN SUPPORT AT THE RECENT OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY. HOWEVER, US
FOREIGN ASSISTANCE LEGISLATION AND THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION HUMAN
RIGHTS POLICY REQUIRED CLOSE ATTENTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS PERFORMANCE IN
BILATERAL AID DECISIONS AND IN DETERMINING ITS POSITIONS ON LOANS IN
THE IFI'S AND EVEN ON THE AIR AND SEA RESERVE PROGRAMS, WHICH WE
VIEW AS WORTHWHILE. SCHNEIDER RECALLED SEC VANCE'S CONVERSATION WITH
BRUTUS AND GRENDY AND HIS SUGGESTION THAT PERMITTING THE INTER-AMER-
ICAN COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS TO VISIT HAITI WOULD BE VIEWED AS A
POSITIVE STEP. HE NOTED THE US CONTINUES TO HOPE FOR A RESPONSE TO
THE IAHRC. MR. EINAUDI SAID THAT SINCE THE FOREIGN MINISTER HAD
SPOKEN OF POLITICS, HE WOULD MENTION THE POLITICAL CONTEXT IN WHICH
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 04 USUN N 02644 01 OF 02 190024Z

THE US IS APPROACHING A CARIBBEAN POLICY. THE US COULD NOT FINISH
ECONOMIC SUPPORT WITHOUT CONSIDERATION FOR POLITICAL RIGHTS. IF, AS
BRUTUS HAD SAID, HAITI COULD BE DESCRIBED AS BEING IN THE SECOND
PHASE OF ITS DEVELOPMENT, AND THE HARSH POLITICAL MEASURES OF THE
FIRST PHASE WERE PAST, THIS SHOULD HELP THE US AND COUNTRIES LIKE
VENEZUELA BE OF ASSISTANCE. BUT THIS WOULD REQUIRE CHANGING THE
POLITICAL IMAGE WHICH HAITI PROJECTS TO THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY.
THE US WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO GIVE AID BUT WE HAVE FIRST TO OVER-
COME THIS OBSTACLE. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, THE BEST DEFENSE FOR
HAITI WOULD BE TO ADMIT THE IAHRC. BRUTUS, IN RESPONSE ASKED IF
THE US UNDERSTOOD THE LIBERALIZATION GOING ON IN HAITI
SINCE THE BEGINNING OF JEAN CLAUDE DUVALIER'S PRESIDENCY.

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 USUN N 02644 02 OF 02 190047Z
ACTION ARA-14

INFO OCT-01 IO-13 ISO-00 DHA-02 AID-05 IGA-02 EB-08
TRSE-00 OMB-01 ACDA-07 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-05 H-01
INR-07 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 PRS-01 SP-02
SS-15 USIA-06 /099 W
-----091847 190110Z /73
R 182140Z AUG 77
FM USMISSION USUN NEW YORK
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4937

INFO AMEMBASSY PORT AU PRINCE

C O N F I D E N T I A L SECTION 2 OF 2 USUN 2644

HE CLAIMED HAITI NEVER TRIED TO HIDE THE FACT THAT THE FRANCOIS DUVALIER EAR EAS DIFFICULT BUT NOW WE MUST RECOGNIZE THE DIFFERENCE AND NOTE THAT HAITI IS IN A PERIOD OF TRANSITION. HE ANNOUNCED THAT HAITI WOULD AGREE IF THE INTER-AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION WISHED TO COME TO HAITI TO EVALUATE THE SITUATION FOR ITSELF. AMB YOUNG ELABORATED ON THEN NEED FOR HAITI TO CHANGE ITS IMAGE AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT FOREIGN MINISTER BRUTUS COULD CONVEY THE US VIEWS TO OTHER MEMBERS OF THE CABINET. HE EXPLAINED THE DIFFICULTIES INVOLVED WITH APPROVAL OF FOREIGN ASSISTANCE IN CONGRESS AND THE DESIRE BY THE AMERICAN PUBLIC TO SEE US AID FUNDS GOING TO THE POOR AND NOT MISDIRECTED TO AID THE RICH. BRUTUS STATED HAITI SHARES THESE CONCERNS. HE NOTED THAT IN ALL REVOLUTIONS THERE ARE EXCESSES AND THE FIRST OBJECTIVE IS TO WIN THE REVOLUTION, THE GET ORGANIZED. HE STTATED THAT HAITI IS JUST REACHING THE STAGE OF ORGANIZATION.

3. MINISTERS OF JUSTICE AND INTERIOR. AMB YOUNG, IN HIS OPENING REMARKS, EXPLAINED THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE PARTY WERE IN HAITI AS FRIENDS CONCERNED ABOUT THE FUTURE OF THE PEOPLE OF HAITI. AMB YOUNG SAID THAT THE HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTION TENDS TO PARALYZE EVERYONE AND WE ARE UNABLE TO MOVE FORWARD TO WORK ON THE PROBLEM OF POVERTY . HE NOTED WE WANT TO HELP HAITI BUT WANTED THE HAITIANS TO UNDERTAND THAT CONCERN ABOUT POLITICALS PRISONERS AND OTHER HUMAN RIGHTS PROBLEMS. CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 USUN N 02644 02 OF 02 190047Z

AMB YOUNG STATED HE HAD RECEIVED A GREAT DEAL OF CORRESPONDENCE URGING HIM NOT TO VISIT HAITI AND ALSO ASKING HIS ASSISTANCE IN INDIVIDUAL CASES IN HAITI. AMB YOUNG THEN HANDED TO INTERIOR MINISTER JEANTY A COPY OF THE LETTER HE PLANNED TO DELIVER TO PRESIDENT DUVALIER AND WHICH ASKED FOR INFORMATION ON THE WHEREABOUTS OR LEGAL STATUS OF 21 HAITIAN CITIZEND REPORTELY BEING HELD AS POLITICAL PRISONERS OR THEIR RELEASE. AMB YOUNR SUGGESTED THE HAITIAN GOVT MIGHT CONSIDER MAKING A DRAMATIC GESTURE SUCH AS THE RECENT CUBAN PRISONER RELEASE TO DEMONSTRATE ITS COMMITMENT TO CHANGE. INTERIOR MIN JEANTY REMARKED THAT HE NOTED PARTICULARLY AMB YOUNG'S STATEMENT ABOUT THE PROBLEMS HAITI NEEDS TO WORK ON AND THE STATEMENT THAT THE US WANTS TO WORK WITH HAITI. JEANTY REPEATED THE EARLIER STATEMENT BY FM BRUTUS CONCERNING THE TWO PHASES OF HAITIAN DEVELOPMENT, CLAIMING ALSO THAT HAITI, THE OLDEST BLACK DEMOCRACY IN THE WORLD, HAS ALWAYS SHARED THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION'S VIEWS ON HUMAN RIGHTS. JEANTY CLAIMED, HOWEVER, THAT ENEMIES OF THE HAITIAN PEOPLE ARE CONSTANTLY ATTACKING THE GOVERNMENT AND HAITI HAS ENDURED NINE INVASIONS BY MERCENARIES SINCE 1975. JEANTY EXPLAINED AT LENGTH THAT PRESIDENY JEAN CLAUDE DUVALIER IS WORKING ON LIBERALIZATION OF INSTITUTIONS AND ADMINISTRATIVE ORGANIZATION. HE STATED THE PRESIDENT HAS ALREADY TAKEN STEPS TOWARD CLEMENCY AND

HAS ISSUED THREE DECREES THIS YEAR FREEING COMMON AND POLITICAL PRISONERS. REFERRING TO AMB YOUNG'S LETTER, JEANTY SAID HE WAS SURE PRESIDENT DUVALIER WOULD GIVE ATTENTION TO THESE CASES AS HE HAS DONE TO MAY OTHERS.

4. IN HIS REMARKS, JUSTICE MINISTER FIEVRE STATED THAT HABEAS CORPUS IS REPECTED IN HAITI AS IT IS CONTAINED IN ARTICLE 17 OF THE CONSTITUTION. IN ADDITION THE GOVR HAS ISSUED AN INSTRUCTION REQUIRING ACCUSED PERSONS TO BE BROUGHT TO TRIAL WITHIN A PRESCRIBED TIME. HE CLAIMED HAITI HAS BEEN CONCERNED ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS EVEN BEFORE THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION CAME INTO OFFICE AND THIS CONCERN WILL CONTINUE. MR SCHNEIDER STATED THAT IT WAS BECAUSE CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 USUN N 02644 02 OF 02 190047Z

WE HAVE NOTED THESE ENCOURAGING SIGNS THAT WE ARE EXPRESSING OUR CONCERNING ABOUT THE CONTINUING PROBLEMS IN HAITI. FOR THIS REASON THE US WOULD LIKE TO INQUIRE ABOUT THE WELFARE OF SOME PRISONERS FROM THE OLD PERIOD.

5. MIN JEANTY COMPLAINED THAT INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION CONTINUE TO INQUIRE ABOUT MANY PERSONS WHO ARE ALREADY ACCOUNTED FOR. HE ASSERTED MANY PERSONS WERE KILLED DURING THE NINE INVASION OR LEFT ILLEGALLY LOOKING FOR WORK, THUS THE GOVT IS UNABLE TO ACCOUNT FOR THEM.

6. JEANTY CLAIMED THE NUMBER OF POLITICAL PRISONERS IS NOT OVER 40, AND THIS FIGURE INCLUDED "TERRORISTS AND COMMUNISTS." SCHNEIDER URGED, NEVERTHELESS, THAT WHATEVER COULD BE DONE TO PROVIDE INFORMATION TO FAMILIES WHO DIDN'T KNOW WHETHER THEIR RELATIVES ARE ALIVE OR DEAD WOULD BE A COMPASSIONATE ACTION, EVEN NOW.

YOUNG

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: HUMAN RIGHTS, ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE, DIPLOMATIC DISCUSSIONS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 18-Aug-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 22 May 2009
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977USUNN02644
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D770299-0320
Format: TEL
From: USUN NEW YORK
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t19770846/aaaabmx.c.tel
Line Count: 261
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 842d0358-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION ARA
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 5
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 29-Mar-2005 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 1555274
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S MEETING WITH HAITIAN MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, JUSTICE AND INTERIOR
TAGS: OVIP, PFOR, SHUM, EAID, HA, US, UN, (ANDREW YOUNG)
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/842d0358-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009